

A few bios you could use in a flyer, brochure, or introduction. (They might also help with student reports.)

### **JOYCE MOYER HOSTETTER**

Joyce Moyer Hostetter lives right where many of her characters do—in rural North Carolina. She’s always on the lookout—hoping to bump into them. In the absence of a time machine that would take her to the 1940’s, she immerses herself in research to discover what their world was like. Her book, *BLUE*, which has won multiple awards, is used widely in North Carolina schools.

*BLUE* eventually led to a series of five books called “Bakers Mountain Stories”. *AIM*, *BLUE*, *COMFORT*, *DRIVE*, and *EQUAL*. This is an ABC series but each book stands alone so read them in whatever order you wish!

*HEALING WATER*, set in Hawaii’s leprosy settlement is available via E-book.

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When Joyce Moyer Hostetter was in seventh grade, a teacher noticed her flair for words and predicted she’d become a writer. Later Joyce attended Lenoir Rhyne University where she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education. Since then, she’s worked with children in public school, camping programs, and homeschool. But eventually, the urge to write was irresistible.

She now writes historical fiction for middle graders. Joyce’s award-winning novel, *BLUE* retells the story of North Carolina’s 1944 polio epidemic. The sequel, *COMFORT* explores the after-effects of polio and war. *AIM*, a prequel to *Blue*, is the story of a teen figuring out life in the wake of his father’s death. In *DRIVE*,

twin sisters explore separate identities in the midst of fierce personal competition. *EQUAL*, is the account of a tentative friendship between two boys – one Black and the other, White.

A separate title, *HEALING WATER*, is available as E-book only. Set in 1869, this story is about a 13-year-old boy banished to Hawaii's leprosy settlement. It also celebrates the contributions of Father Damien, a Catholic priest who treated leprosy patients with compassion and dignity.

Classrooms across North Carolina use her books and Joyce often visits schools to talk about writing, researching, and getting published. Joyce and her husband, Chuck, live near Hickory, NC where they enjoy their adult children and lots of grandchildren. When she's not writing or speaking, she's often researching. She loves anything that has a history including furniture, clothes, and books.

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